GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:314
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
SEA EROSION
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to check sea erosion;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being formulated and implemented by the Government; and

(c) the annual loss occurring due to sea erosion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARREDQUESTION NO.314 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 13.8.2001 REGARDING SEA EROSION.

(a) & (b) Flood Management including sea erosionbeing a state subject, flood control schemes including prevention of coastal erosion are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. Central Government renders assistance that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

Two schemes are at present under consideration of Government of India to assist maritime States/UTs for protection of vulnerable coastal areas from sea erosion. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, "Critical anti erosion works in coastal and other than Ganga basin states" has been approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) foran amount of Rs.39.97 crore which includes Rs.30 crore as the central share. Out of this, Rs.20 crore is for anti-sea erosion works in critical reaches for various maritime states. The scheme has been submitted for the approval of the Full Planning Commission. Secondly, a consolidated National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP)for assistance to maritime States/UT, covering coastal states, namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal and U.T. of Pondicherry, i s under preparation i n Central Water Commission. The proposals received from maritime States/UT are in various stages of finalization. Government of Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have also been requested to submit their proposals, which are still awaited.

(c) As per information furnished by the States, the average annualloss/anticipated loss occurring due to sea erosion, covering various coastal States in monetary terms, is approx. Rs.558.24 crore.